Remarks

First concerning the numbering, the misnumbering of the claims initially is regretted. The claims are now presented properly numbered in sequence and remaining in the same sequence considered by the Examiner.

Concerning the requirement for restriction, the applicant elects group I, which now consists of claims 1-6, 8, 12 and 13.

Further action by the Examiner is awaited.

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